

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 878

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A RESOLUTION to designate the week of June 12-18, 2006, as  
"Men's Health Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, Tennessee men continue to live an average of nine years less than women, with African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, all ten of the leading causes of death, as defined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, affect men more than women; and

WHEREAS, between the ages of 45-54, men are three times more likely than women to die of heart attacks; and

WHEREAS, men die of heart disease at almost twice the rate of women; and

WHEREAS, men die of cancer at almost one and a half times the rate of women; and

WHEREAS, the likelihood that a man will develop prostate cancer is one in six; and

WHEREAS, African-American men in Tennessee have the highest incidence of prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, appropriate use of tests such as Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) exams, blood pressure screens, and cholesterol screens, in conjunction with clinical examination and self-testing for problems such as testicular cancer, can result in the detection of many of these problems in their early stages and increases survival rates to nearly 100 percent; and

WHEREAS, women are 100 per cent more likely to visit the doctor for annual examinations and preventative services than men; and

WHEREAS, significant numbers of male-related health problems, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, colon cancer, and infertility, could be detected and treated if men's awareness of these problems were more pervasive; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reduced rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Men's Health Network worked with the national Men's Health Network and Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Men's Health Network and the national Men's Health Network have developed a National Men's Health Week web site [www.menshealthweek.org](http://www.menshealthweek.org) that features Governor's proclamations and National Men's Health Week events; and

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bredesen has issued a proclamation declaring Men's Health Week in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, prostate, and testicular and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this state are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate the week leading up to and including Father's Day, June 12-18, 2006, as "Men's Health Week" in Tennessee, and encourage all our citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.